



June 8, 2025

Senate Elections and Constitutional Amendments Committee
Sabrina Cervantes, Chair

AB 1072

**OPPOSE UNLESS
AMENDED**

Members of the Committee,

EIPCa **opposes AB 287** as written and amended as of the date of this letter.

FAR too many parameters for election management in California are left to the SOS and/or local elections officials. As an official of the executive branch of government, the job and responsibility of the SOS is to **execute** law, not make it!!

The development of “guidelines” leaves far too much room for disparate treatment of voters from one county to another. The exact HOW of something so vital as the voters’ right to correct errors on their ballot before casting it should be more than a “guideline” but rather **statutorily imposed procedure** uniform throughout the state and non-negotiable. This is the job and responsibility of the legislative branch of government, to **legislate**.

As written, AB 287 is lazy legislation, passing off a legislative task to the executive branch of government. It also determines no timeframe for these “guidelines” to be proposed, and even then, because they are only “guidelines,” ROVs would be free to simply ignore them.

AB 287 accomplishes NOTHING other than to give the impression there is some concern at the capitol for the topic. If the concern were genuine, the bill would establish the exact details for the manner in which voters should correct ballot errors, and impose that procedure as of the date the law takes effect.

EIPCa urges a major overhaul of AB 287 to make it a sorely needed piece of legislation, as suggested above. Until then, EIPCa opposes the passage of this or any piece of legislation that accomplishes nothing and ignores the need to implement true solutions where clearly necessary.

Sincerely,

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